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1. THOMAS BORTHWICK AND SONS (A/ASIA) LTD., ACTING AS PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR A CONSORTIUM OF TWELVE AUSTRALIAN MEAT PACKERS ANNOUNCED TODAY THEY HAVE NEGOTIATED A FURTHER CONTRACT WITH PRODINTORG FOR THE SUPPLY OF 25,500 METRIC TONS OF BONELESS BEEF, AND 4,500 METRIC TONS OF BONE-IN CARCASS MUTTON FOR SHIPMENT DURING PERIOD MARCH-JUNE 1977. NEW CONTRACT IS AN EXTENSION OF THE RECENT CONTRACT REPORTED IN REFTEL OF 13,000 METRIC TONS OF BONELESS BEEF AND 3,500 TONS OF CARCASS MUTTON, AND PRESUMABLY SOLD ON THE SAME PRICE BASIS. BORTHWICK REFUSED TO DISCLOSE PRICES, BUT INFORMED SOURCES BELIEVE PRICE WAS ABOUT 40 CENTS AUSTRALIAN PER POUND FAS BASIS FOR THE BONELESS BEEF.

2. TRADE SOURCES INDICATE BORTHWICK CONSORTIUM HAS BEEN INFORMED PRODINTORG WILL BE SEEKING QUOTATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL 80,000 MT OF BONELESS BEEF IN NEAR FUTURE.
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